Dear Jim, 10/12/76

~~XXXX XXX~~ Cointelpro Mark Lane is the tentatibe ~~xxxxxx~~ titel of the article.

It here is appropriate because Les wonders if the Feebs have enough of Mark to have him do there work. I assured him they need incur no such liability, that they can depend on the spontaneous Lane.

He appears to have been the subject of conversation at Newsday, of which I expect nothing. Ness places their intense anger span at about a half-minute.

There is a reporter who was in on the Carlino (?) success in getting Mark out of the NY legislature.

I have known of those pictures for at least eight years. The Shaw defense got them from the FBI and then let Garrison's people know. This is how I knew.

Now I think I did not pay enough attention to it. My attitude then was his thing is his thing, as long as he hurts nobody else. That is what I then said.

I paid little attention for this reason. My recollection is of massochism, pins and needles on his own penis.

However, the Newsday reporter who has or saw the pictures puts all of this in a different, Ferrie-like perspective. Those are not FBI or even police pectures. They were taken at Mark's request, possibly, and apparently certainly by his friends and with his permission. He wanted them taken is today's account.

Here I see the explanation of the man I know and it is a dangerous explanation of the rottenest judgement, worse for an elected representative.

I don't know how far I can go in projecting his emotional makeup. Ordinarily I would have no interest in this. However, there is a showdown likely at some point. The sooner the better for me. I mean this not in any sense of personal fear. In the summer of 1968 I spread his guts on TV. He ~~said~~ he'd punch my nose <u>after</u> the show. When I asked why wait he was without response and my nose was unpunshed after the show. (I have the studio tape.) I mean it in the sense of what can happen in extremis, how will he react in any way that can mean anything to us. I think this is sick, not just his own taste in sex. I am without ~~xxxxxx~~ knowledge in such matters. I do assume sickness but not how it can manifest itself as it can relate to us.

He waited for PA to ask for the files on himself. That means theym are not open to others and he can prate to his ego's content. Under FOIA his personal files are immune.

If you have any understanding of these things and believe there could be relevance, I'll not learn any younger.

Those pictures can be leaked from an original source. Can you imagine the inpact on a committee with which he has any relationship?

Best,